

GARY DEVELOPMENT
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Gary Municipal Airport Authority District



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State Board of Health
1330 W. Michigan St.
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that you have oversight responsibility for the landfill operation located in Gary, Indiana, near the Clinve Avenue (State Highway 911) and the Grand Calumet River.

We have, over the past few years, maintained a Bird Watch Advisory Report that is submitted quarterly to the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). Since we have been keeping these reports, we have noted that there is a significant bird hazzard created by this landfill, which is adjacent (south-west) to the Gary Airport.

We have also noted, that the industrial waste that is being placed in this hole is not only being utilized to fill the hole but is also being utilized to raise the original ground elevation eighteen to twenty feet. We, of course, are concerned about any facility that results in an increase in the ground elevation.

There is not, at this time, a violation of any airport air space restrictions that exist in the vicinity of Gary Airport. We do not know if this is a violation of any State or City laws. We are keeping a close watch on the matter and will inform you if an airspace violation occurs.

I look for an early response to our concerns about the hazzards of birds at the landfill adjacent to the Gary Airport.

Sincerely,

A. William Douglas, Ph.D., P.E.
Director

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cc: FAA

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